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SUBJECT: HONDURAS' CANDIDACY TO THE ICTY: POLCOUNS AND FM  
DISCUSS ISSUE

REF: A. OLSEN/IO/SHA FAX 10/08/04

[1](#)B. GENEVA 2780

[1](#)1. Post received a diplomatic note from the Honduran Foreign Ministry, similar to the one received by US Mission Geneva from the Honduran Mission in Geneva (ref B), informing Post that the Government of Honduras will present the candidacy of Dr. Rigoberto Espinal Irias for election to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) at elections to be held in New York during the 59th General Assembly in November 2004.

[1](#)2. A copy of the diplomatic note was faxed to IO/SHA on October 8.

[1](#)3. In an October 8 meeting, PolCouns and PolOff thanked Foreign Minister Leonidas Rosa Bautista for the diplomatic note and told him that it had been forwarded to the Department for consideration. PolCouns noted that the USG does not generally announce its vote for prior to an election. The FM understood this and thanked PolCouns for the USG's consideration of Honduras' candidacy.  
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